

Kaiser, Gary

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To: Kaiser, Gary
Subject: Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine DEIR

Dear Mr. Kaiser,

Friends of the Santa Clara River submits the following comments on the subject DEIR.

We are aware that three gravel mines are planned for the Cuyama Valley, of which Diamond is the first. Trucks carrying output from these mines will travel through a portion of the Santa Clara River watershed. Because of safety, noise, air pollution and other related impacts through the upper Sespe, we are concerned about the total volume of truck traffic associated with these mines. This traffic will be a particular problem on Highway 33 through Ojai to Ventura. A limitation in the number of gravel trucks allowed to travel this road is absolutely necessary, along with restricted hours of operation.

We support the DEIR's Reduced Mining Area Scenario/Reduced Annual Production alternative. Moreover, a study is needed to determine the most feasible and fairest way to divide up the truck traffic for the three mines, if all are permitted.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Ron Bottorff, Chair
Friends of the Santa Clara River